ABOUT BACWWE

The Bay Area Consortium for Water/Wastewater Education (BACWWE) is a partnership between 22 water and wastewater agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area and various educational institutions to provide financial support to students interested in pursuing a career in the treatment and conveyance of drinking water, wastewater, and recycled water. This scholarship program was created to reimburse students who meet the criteria for tuition, fees, and textbook costs for approved programs.

WHAT IS THE BACWWE SCHOLARSHIP?

The BACWWE Scholarship provides reimbursement for up to 150 student-courses per semester for water/wastewater programs at approved educational institutions (each course completed by each student is one student-course). The BACWWE selection committee will determine how the scholarships are awarded and prioritized, but the goal is to support students who are committed to continuing for a full certificate program and/or Associate’s Degree. The award is for up to $350 per student-course per semester. This is to cover ACTUAL STUDENT COSTS for the following: tuition, fees, and textbooks for water/wastewater courses only (receipts must be provided to support actual costs paid by student).

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A BACWWE SCHOLARSHIP?

To be eligible for a BACWWE scholarship, you must:

- Be enrolled in an approved water/wastewater program at an approved educational institution;
- Be receiving no other funds for the course(s) and/or textbook(s) that you are applying for; and
- Have not received a grade of “D” or lower in any previous BACWWE-supported coursework.

To apply for a BACWWE scholarship:

- Complete and submit the attached scholarship form application;
- Include a 500 word statement on why you want to pursue a career in the water/wastewater industry; and
- If applicable, provide an unofficial transcript copy (web printout) showing any previous coursework in water/wastewater.

The BACWWE scholarship committee will notify Conditional Awardees in writing by email at the start of the semester. Reimbursements will be provided to Conditional Awardees upon successful completion of the scholarship requirements.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONDITIONAL AWARDEES

Students who have received a Conditional Award will be given a reimbursement (up to $350 per student-course) upon successful completion of the scholarship requirements detailed below:

1. Complete the course with a letter grade of “C” or better;
2. Upon course completion, provide an unofficial transcript (web printout) with proof of letter grade;
3. Submit actual receipt(s) for course fees and textbook(s); and
4. Submit an IRS Form W-9 and be responsible for all tax implications of receipt of scholarship funds.
SCHOLARSHIP FLOWCHART AND TIMELINE

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL
• Sept 2021

CONDITIONAL AWARDS
• Oct 2021

STUDENT COMPLETES COURSE
• Dec 2021

GRADES AVAILABLE
• Jan 2022

SUBMIT REIMBURSEMENT PACKAGE
• Jan 2022

REIMBURSEMENTS PROCESSED
• Feb 2022

QUESTIONS AND SUBMISSION

For any questions, please see our website at https://bacwa.org/education/bacww/ or email us at bacww@bacwa.org.

Please submit complete application packages to bacww@bacwa.org no later than 5:00 PM, Pacific Daylight Time, on September 17, 2021.